

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, and
MANULIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (f/k/a
INVESTORS PARTNER INSURANCE
COMPANY),

Plaintiffs,

v.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11150-DPW
Hon. Judge Douglas P. Woodlock

OBJECTIONS TO AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN J. BLEWITT

Defendant Abbott Laboratories (“Abbott”) objects to the introduction in evidence of the following paragraphs of the Affidavit of Stephen J. Blewitt; 83(a)-(g), 84, 85, 87 (to the extent it incorporates 83), 88, 96(a)-(t), 97, 98 (to the extent it incorporates 96), 100 (to the extent it incorporates 96), 101, 109 (a)-(f), 110, 111 (to the extent it incorporates 109), 113 (to the extent it incorporates 109), 114, and 123 on the grounds of lack of foundation and hearsay. Each of these paragraphs purport to present testimony regarding events that occurred at internal Abbott meetings which Mr. Blewitt did not attend, or based upon his interpretation of internal Abbott documents which were not written by or addressed to Mr. Blewitt, and are not based upon his personal knowledge. The purported “testimony” is nothing more than an improper brief filed by Hancock in an attempt to present additional argument to the court.

Abbott objects to paragraph 123 on the grounds that it is conclusory, lacks foundation

and calls for speculation in that there is no analysis or support for the conclusion that “Hancock quite possibly would not have made its Second Program Payment in January 2003.” Abbott also objects to paragraph 123 on the grounds that Hancock did not disclose the basis for this claim in its responses to Abbott interrogatories or in a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition that specifically sought this information. The history of Hancock’s failure to disclose the basis for this claim is set forth in more detail in a letter to Hancock counsel dated January 23, 2008, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Abbott objects to paragraph 138, 139, 140 and 142 on the grounds that they are conclusory and lack foundation. Mr. Blewitt has not stated that he personally participated in the audit nor provided any support for his conclusions that Abbott “obstructed” the audit or “stymied” Hancock’s attempts to conduct it. Abbott further objects paragraph 142 on the ground showing that it violates the best evidence rule in that the actual invoices showing fees and expenses allegedly incurred are not attached.

Abbott objects to paragraph 153 on the ground that it is improper opinion testimony, lacks foundation, and is an unsupported and improper statement purporting to vouch for the opinion of an expert without any independent analysis.

With respect to the exhibits attached to the Affidavit of Stephen J. Blewitt, Abbott incorporates by reference the objections stated in Abbott’s Objections to Hancock’s Proposed Trial Exhibits, filed January 28, 2008, as revised.¹

¹ As noted in Abbott’s opposition to Hancock’s Motion to Overrule Authenticity and Various Hearsay Objections, Abbott plans to file a revised and narrower set of objections to Hancock’s trial exhibits on February 29, 2008. Until such time, Abbott reserves its right to object to exhibits on the grounds stated in its Objections to Hancock’s Proposed Trial Exhibits, filed January 28, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document(s) filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non registered participants on February 28, 2008.

Date: February 28, 2008.

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Exhibit A

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Re: John Hancock Life Ins. Co. v. Abbott Laboratories

Dear Rich:

I am writing regarding Plaintiffs Preliminary Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law served on Abbott on January 14, 2008. Paragraphs 131-140 and Paragraph 183 related to Hancock's claim regarding Abbott's intended and reasonably expected spending. Despite the fact that trial is set for six weeks from now, Abbott has not received from Hancock the basis for this claim including the underlying calculations of what Abbott's intended and reasonably expected spending allegedly was as of the date of the ARPs. Abbott has requested this information in numerous interrogatories and in a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition without avail.

On November 5, 2005, Abbott served on Hancock its First Set of Interrogatories. Interrogatory 3 asked Hancock to "describe separately and with particularity each and every breach." Interrogatory 7 asked Hancock to "describe with particularity each and every misrepresentation of material fact or omission of Abbott concerning Abbott's spending under the Agreement including, without limitation, (a) when, where and the manner in which such misrepresentation or omission was made; (b) specifically how such misrepresentation was false

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or misleading, including the true state of affairs regarding such misrepresentation; (c) when and how Hancock first became aware such misrepresentation was false or misleading; (d) any individuals who relied upon such misrepresentation or omission and the manner in which they relied . . .” Interrogatories 4 and 8 asked Hancock to “separately and with particularity identify each and every component of damages Hancock is seeking as a result” of each breach and misrepresentation, including without limitation “the dollar amount.” In response, Hancock essentially reiterated the vague allegations in its complaint, and did not describe with any degree of particularity the particular statements regarding Abbott’s spending that were allegedly false, how such representations were false, the true state of affairs regarding Abbott’s spending, when Hancock first became aware of the alleged misrepresentations, or a calculation of alleged damages. On July 16, 2007, when Hancock supplemented its responses to Interrogatories 3 and 7 to provide additional information regarding other claims, it failed to provide any new information regarding the spending claim, other than to identify Keith Hendricks as a person with knowledge.

On March 30, 2007, Abbott served on Hancock its Third Set of Interrogatories. Interrogatory 17 from Abbott’s Third Set of Interrogatories states:

“Please state the basis of your allegation that Hancock “has suffered, and likely will continue to suffer, monetary damages and harm” as a result of Abbott “misrepresenting [its] intended and reasonably expected expenditures on Program Related Costs in APRs that Abbott has provided to John Hancock” as alleged at paragraphs 31, 32, 43, 49(d), 46 and 52 of the Complaint.”

Hancock’s response did not provide Abbott with any information by which Abbott could evaluate the basis for Hancock’s claim. Instead, Hancock made only a vague and general allegation that Abbott reported “nominal” rather than “expected” spending in the 2001-06 APRs and reported actual spending for the 2001 calendar year, rather than Program Year, and that this “may have misled Hancock into making one or more Program Payments that were not required . . .” Hancock did not state what it contended Abbott’s true “intended and reasonably expected spending” allegedly was as of the date of the APRs, or provide any calculations or other information providing the basis for its vague and conclusory allegations.

On May 24, 2007, Abbott deposed Mr. Friedman, Hancock’s designated Rule 30(b)(6) witness regarding “[a]ny and all monetary damages and harm that Hancock allegedly suffered as a result of Abbott ‘misrepresenting its intended and reasonably expected spending on Program Related Costs.’” When asked about the damages attributable to this claim during his deposition, Mr. Friedman asserted that Hancock needed additional information regarding Abbott’s expected spending from Abbott before Mr. Friedman could testify regarding the damages calculation for the claim. *See* Friedman Tr. at 310-316.

After Mr. Friedman’s deposition, Abbott provided to Hancock additional documents requested, including excel spreadsheets in native format that had been previously produced by Abbott that Hancock claimed were difficult to read. Abbott also provided Hancock

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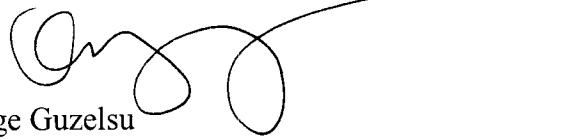
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with Abbott's monthly spending for 2001. Despite receiving these additional documents and information from Abbott, Hancock did not supplement or update its interrogatory responses.

On December 1, 2007, Hancock submitted Mr. Friedman's Supplemental Expert Report which also does not provide the basis for this claim or the underlying calculations supporting Hancock's Proposed Finding of Fact that "Abbott's actual intended and reasonably expected spending on Program Related Costs over the four-year Program Term, as of the end of 2001, was less than \$614 million."

In sum, Hancock has failed to provide the basis for this claim in its interrogatory responses, Hancock's Rule 30(b)(6) witness was unable to answer any questions regarding that claim, and Hancock's damages expert has not provided any information about the damages allegedly attributable to the claim. Accordingly, it is Abbott's position that Hancock may not offer any evidence of damages with respect to this claim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ozge Guzelsu", is written over a long, thin, curved line that extends from the right side of the "Sincerely," line towards the right edge of the page.

Ozge Guzelsu